DUBLIN CASTLE, 16th *July*, 1798.

IT having been reported that the Mountains of *Wicklow* afforded a Retreat to large Bodies of Rebel Fugitives, Lieutenant General *Lake* received the Lord Lieutenant's Directions to move different Columns in various Directions to clear that Part of the Country. He returned Yeſterday to *Dublin*, and reported, that he was not able to find any Body whatever aſſembled in that Diſtrict.

The Lieutenant General gives the higheſt Credit to the Perſeverance and Spirit of the Troops, during very long and difficult Marches, through a Country almoſt inacceſſible to an Army.

It appears, that on *Monday* laſt, thoſe REBELS who had been in the Mountains, paſſed over to the Bog of *Allen;* and that on *Wedneſday* a Body of about fifteen Hundred attacked the Town of *Clonard*, where they were repulſed with the Loſs of ſixty Men by Colonel *Blake*, who marched againſt them from *Mullingar*, with about fifty Infantry and as many Yeoman Cavalry. This Body, after their Defeat, moved towards *Longwood*, whence they were purſued on *Thurſday* by a Detachment under Brigadier General *Meyrick*, almoſt to *Culmullin*. About thirty were killed in the Purſuit. A Party of the Duke of *York*'s Highlanders fell in with ſixteen of them, mounted, the next Morning, and killed all but one, whom they took Priſoner. The main Body of the REBELS having reached *Dunboyne* on *Thurſday* Evening, proceeded next Day to the Hill at *Garretſtown*, whither Major General *Myers*, with a Detachment of the Royal *Buckinghamſhire* Militia, and of the Yeomanry Corps of *Dublin*, was ordered to purſue them. The REBELS, however, went off in the Night for the *Boyne*, and paſſed it. They were purſued by two Diviſions, under Major General *Wemys* and Brigadier General *Meyrick*; and their Cavalry having come up with them, the REBELS formed in a ſtrong Poſition in the Road to *Ardee*. As ſoon as the *Sutherland* Regiment, with the Battalion Guns, arrived, the REBELS fell into Confuſion, and broke in all Directions. General *Wemys* then ordered the Cavalry and Yeomanry to attack, and followed with the Infantry, to ſupport them. The REBELS fled into the Bog, where a very conſiderable Number were killed, and a great Quantity of Pikes, Piſtols, Swords, Muſkets, and two Standards were taken.

Major General *Wemys* ſtates, that the Troops behaved with very great Spirit, and that he felt himſelf highly indebted to the Gentlemen Yeomanry, and to Mr. *Trotter* of *Duleek*, who acted as his Guide. Some of the REBELS who eſcaped went on towards *Ardee*, the Reſt retreated over the *Boyne* towards *Garretſtown*, where they were again attacked by Captain *Gordon* of the *Dumfries* Light Dragoons, who had aſſembled one Hundred and thirty Infantry, conſiſting of Detachments of the *Fermanagh* and *Carlow* Militia, and the *Swords* Yeomanry, and about one Hundred Cavalry, which conſiſted of Part of the *Dumfries* Regiment, of the *Fingal*, the *Coolock*, the *Balbriggan*, and Lord *Gormanſton*'s Yeomen. The REBELS being mounted, Colonel *Gordon* ordered great Part of his Cavalry to purſue; on their advancing, the REBELS diſmounted and fled in all Directions; not one Hundred remained on the Ground when the Infantry came up, and they were diſperſed on the firſt Diſcharge, and then purſued by Lord *Gormanſton*'s Troop. Colonel *Gordon* ſtates the Loſs of the REBELS to have amounted to one Hundred and fifty Men, and he took from them two Hundred Horſes. This Service was performed without any Loſs on the Part of His Majeſty's Forces.

Captain *Gordon* thinks it but Juſtice to the *Carlow* and *Fermanagh* Detachments to ſay, that after a ſevere March of eighteen Hours they preſſed forward with the greateſt Spirit and Alacrity, and that the Exertions of the *Dumfrieſſhire* and Yeomanry anſwered his warmeſt Expectations.

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